Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 31 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 29 Mar 2022 at 17:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a much colder spell than of late, with a return to winter conditions. Low confidence for more prolonged rain and freezing levels on Friday, and details over the weekend, with a chance of milder conditions arriving from the west.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022: Much colder with sunny spells and occasionally heavy snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	30%	10%	20%	60%	60%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 30 Mar 2022

Weather: A few light snow flurries in the early hours and morning, but largely dry with clear then sunny spells west of the Cairngorms. Scattered snow showers widespread by the afternoon, occasionally heavy with a risk of thunder. Showers mostly dying out early evening to leave largely clear skies, although a few showers continuing across the Cairngorms.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the east, 70% in the west

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility outside of showers and low cloud, but falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Cloud frequently lowering to 800-900m in the morning, 1000m early afternoon across the Northern Cairngorms. Only occasional cloud further west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/25 NE	22/29 NE	26/34 N	23/31 N	24/33 N	23/32 N	25/34 NE	23/31 N	22/29 N
900	15/19 NE	17/22 NE	19/24 NE	17/23 N	18/26 N	20/28 N	21/28 NE	17/23 NE	15/21 N
600	9/14 NE	10/15 NE	10/15 NE	11/17 N	14/22 N	16/24 N	13/20 NE	10/16 NE	9/14 N
300	6/12 NE	6/14 NE	5/13 N	9/19 N	10/21 N	12/24 NE	9/20 NE	6/15 NE	6/13 N
Glen	4/12 NE	4/13 N	3/14 N	6/18 N	7/20 N	7/21 NE	5/15 NE	4/13 N	4/12 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-16	-9/-18	-10/-20	-9/-19	-8/-18	-7/-16	-8/-17	-8/-18	-9/-18
900	-4/-11	-6/-13	-6/-15	-6/-14	-4/-12	-4/-11	-4/-12	-5/-13	-6/-13
600	-2/-7	-3/-9	-4/-10	-3/-9	-2/-8	-1/-7	-2/-8	-3/-8	-3/-8
300	-0/-3	-1/-5	-2/-5	-0/-5	2/-2	2/-3	0/-4	-1/-5	-2/-5
Glen	-0/-3	-1/-4	-3/-6	0/-4	3/-1	3/-1	2/-2	0/-3	-1/-5
Freezing Level*	200m	100m	00m	00m	100m	200m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A return to winter on the tops with much colder conditions than of late. Snow fields likely to be hard and icy, with icy stretches along path.

Forecast for Thursday 31 Mar 2022
Weather: Northern Cairngorms often cloudy with snow showers, heavy at times. Drier and brighter further west with just a few showers and some sunny spells. Bitterly cold in the wind. Showers dying out through the evening.

Maximum wind: North 15 gusting 25-30 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in the east, 70% in the west

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility very good outside of snow showers, but falling to a few hundred meters or less in passing snow showers. Frequent cloud across northern Cairngorms, bases often around 1000m, but dropping to 700m in showers. Further west occasional cloud above 1000m, mostly lifting above the summits by afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 300-400m during the day

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